



# FORT NEGLEY WIG WAG

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## Juneteenth—Freedom Day Celebration

There were enthusiastic attendees and a little something for everyone at the second annual Juneteenth at Fort Negley. The African American Genealogical and Historical Society of Tennessee, Inc. (TAAGHS) partnered with the Jefferson Street Merchants Project (JUMP), Metro Nashville Public Schools, and local neighborhood associations to make this event possible. In the theater, reenactors with the 13th U.S. Colored Troop presented our nation's colors, the MET Singers and Princely Players sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic and other lections, a Frederick Douglass reenactor made a speech, and student essay contest winners were announced. The National Council of African American Women sponsored lunch. Outdoors, on the walk leading to the fort, there were booths ranging from nutrition awareness and vaccines to games and face painting. The Nashville Public Library showed part one of "The Abolitionists," one of the films featured in the National Endowment for the Humanities *Created Equal* series, as a reminder of a few people and events that made such a freedom day celebration possible. It was a fantastic opportunity to join the long-standing tradition of Juneteenth and come together in celebration of freedom, family, and unity in our community. An all-around fun time was experienced by all.



Above: The audience sings "Lift Every Voice and Sing"  
Left: U.S. Colored Troop reenactors Bill Radcliffe and Gary Burke, TAAGHS founder Dr. Tommie Morton-Young, and Frederick Douglass reenactor Reynard Hirsch (left to right).

## Walk with the Mayor

On Wednesday, June 25th, Mayor Karl Dean and other members of the community came to Fort Negley to go for a walk. They began at the Visitors Center, looped around the fort, and continued on to the Nashville City Cemetery for a total of three miles. This event is part of the Walk 100 Miles with Nashville initiative of the Mayor's Office. More walks are scheduled in Nashville's wonderful parks through the end of August. If you would like to know more, view a calendar of events, or log your miles, visit [www.walk100miles.com](http://www.walk100miles.com).



Front Row from Left to Right: Mayor Karl Dean, Krista Castillo, the director of Metro Historical Commission Tim Walker, and Zada Law, a member of the Fort Negley Technical Advisory Committee.

## CREATED EQUAL: AMERICA'S CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE

### Film Screening & Community Discussion Series

**M**etro Historical Commission in partnership with the Fort Negley Visitors Center is delighted to be one of the recipients of a two-year grant program called *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle* an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage community discussion of America's civil rights history.

One film from the series of four will be shown each month from June through September. Fort Negley Visitors Center will offer several opportunities to view each film. A community discussion held at the end of the week will allow participants to discuss the films, the Civil Rights Movement and other relevant topics.

A light brunch will be provided for those attending the Community Discussions. The screening and discussion series are free and open to the public. Reservations are required for the discussion sessions only. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Fort Negley at 615-862-8470 or [fortnegley@nashville.gov](mailto:fortnegley@nashville.gov).

For more information on *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle* and to view the films online, visit <http://createdequal.neh.gov/>.

On Friday, July 25, at 10:00 am, please join us for a community discussion on *Slavery By Another Name* led by Dr. Tommie Morton-Young, president of the African American Genealogical and Historical Society of Tennessee, Inc. and Dr. Antoinette Van Zelm, programs manager for the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

More details on the community Discussion of *The Loving Story* scheduled for Friday, August 22 at 10:00 am, coming soon.



### *Slavery By Another Name* 90 Minutes

#### Film Screenings

Saturday, July 19	10:00 am	All
	2:00 pm	All
Tuesday, July 22	9:00 am	Part I
	10:00 am	Part II
	11:00 am	Part I
	Noon	Part II
Wednesday, July 23	9:00 am	Part I
	10:00 am	Part II
	11:00 am	Part I
	Noon	Part II
Thursday, July 24	9:00 am	Part I
	10:00 am	Part II
	11:00 am	Part I
	Noon	Part II
	6:00 pm	All

#### Community Discussion

Friday, July 25      10:00 am



### *The Loving Story* 77 Minutes

#### Film Screenings

Saturday, Aug. 16	10:00 am	All
	2:00 pm	All
Tuesday, Aug. 19	9:00 am	Part I
	10:00 am	Part II
	11:00 am	Part I
	Noon	Part II
Wednesday, Aug. 20	9:00 am	Part I
	10:00 am	Part II
	11:00 am	Part I
	Noon	Part II
Thursday, Aug. 21	9:00 am	Part I
	10:00 am	Part II
	11:00 am	Part I
	Noon	Part II
	6:00 pm	All

#### Community Discussion

Friday, Aug. 22      10:00 am



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## FORT SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS!!

Dear Kids,

Do you need something to do in summer? Well, I have solved your problem with great summer time fun. You can buy cool cannons or tiny solders, you can dig for artifacts in our sand box, or you could also dig in our dirt pile for coral and other fossils to take home. I, as a kid, love it here. It is my home away from home. I have flown a kite, had picnics, and even have taken my dog for a walk around the old fort. If you need something to do, just ask your parents, and I am sure they would love for you to have a great time learning about the past.

From,  
Corrinne Castillo  
Age 11

### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Each summer, Fort Negley and Metro Parks hire two additional employees to work in the Visitors Center. This year we are pleased to introduce our newest Visitors Center Associates:

**Angel Abbott (left)** is currently finishing her Master's thesis in Earth and Environmental Sciences at Vanderbilt. Although originally from Apopka, Florida, she has deep family roots in Tennessee and is loving the opportunity to learn more about the history of the region. Angel is studying to be a professor of Geology.

**Carter Craddock (right)**, a native of Virginia, graduated from Sewanee with a degree in American Studies in May 2013. During college, she worked in development and would like to continue that role professionally for an historic site. This summer, Carter is also working with Tennessee Historical Society.



### NASHVILLE ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA



Work continues on the new Nashville Online Encyclopedia led by Davidson County Historian Dr. Carole Bucy. Although the Civil War Committee has made great strides in assigning entries, there is still much to be done. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in an exciting project that will benefit our community for years to come. For a list of unassigned Civil War related topics, please email Krista Castillo at [krista.castillo@nashville.gov](mailto:krista.castillo@nashville.gov). For more information on the project, please visit <http://www.nashville.gov/encyclopedia/writers.aspx> or attend one of the community meetings scheduled in July.

Monday, July 14, 6:30 pm, Hermitage Library

Tuesday, July 17, 6:30 pm, Edmondson Library

Monday, July 21, 6:30 pm, Madison Library

Thursday, July 24, 6:30 pm, Casa Azafrán

Thursday, July 31, 6:00 pm, Bellevue 50 Forward/YMCA



Join us on the third Monday of each month at Fort Negley Visitors Center at 7:00 pm for an exceptional lineup of speakers and presenters.

**Be advised, July's meeting is on the second Monday.**

**July 14**

Conrad Laplante, Ottawa, Canada  
*Canada and the American Civil War*

**August 18**

Kent Wright, historian/author, Tennessee Valley  
*Conflicted Friendships: John Bull, Uncle Sam and King Cotton; The British Influence Upon Union and Confederate Naval Strategies*

Although all programs are free and open to the public, the group encourages membership. Annual dues along with proceeds from the silent auction support programming and local preservation causes.

For more information, please visit <http://nashvillecivilwarroundtable.wordpress.com/>

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**Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, Sons of Union Veterans**, meet at Fort Negley Visitors Center on the fourth Tuesday every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 22. The business meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.tnsuvcw.org/>.

## Upcoming Events In and Around Nashville

**Two Rivers Mansion Historical Tours, Fridays between July 1 and August 29, 1-4 pm**, Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, and free for members. 3130 McGavock Pike, <http://www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org>.

**Dutchman's Curve Behind-the-Scenes Tour, July 12, 10:00 am, free**, Join Betsy Thorpe and Historic Nashville Inc. on a walking tour of The Great Train Wreck of 1918 site. Park your car and meet up with the group at the White Bridge Road Trailhead at the Richland Creek Greenway, 22 White Bridge Road, <http://www.historicnashvilleinc.org>.

**Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Meeting, July 19, 1:00 pm, free**, Rick Warwick will lecture on "Williamson County: The Civil War As Seen Through the Female Experience", FiftyForward at the Patricia Hart Building, 174 Rains Avenue.

**Music at the Mansion: "God and Country", July 19, 7:00 pm**, featuring The River Band and The Donelson Fellowship Worship Band. Admission is \$5 per person, \$20 per family car, and free for members. Two Rivers Mansion, 3130 McGavock Pike.

**Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Workshop, August 16, Daylong event**, J. Mark Lowe presenting. Cost of admission includes lunch, FiftyForward at the Patricia Hart Building, 174 Rains Avenue.

**Music at the Mansion—Nashville Blues Society, August 16, 7:00 pm**, featuring Eight O'Five Jive and Markey Blue. Admission is \$5 per person, \$20 per family car, and free for members. Two Rivers Mansion, 3130 McGavock Pike.

### Interested in Joining Fort Negley's Email Events List?

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